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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 4/30/2021
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FILER INFORMATION

Name: William J. "Billy" Bennett
Office: District Judge, 12th Judicial District Court, Division B
Parish: AVOYELLES
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020
Date Filed: 10/14/2020
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$540
Days Late: 9
Late Fee Order Received: 11/4/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/24/2020
Waiver Request Received: November 12, 2020
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted by the candidate and he states that he honestly is just requesting mercy and that he forgot he needed to file the report. He was unopposed and he has been unopposed since 2002 and has always filed the 30-P but in this case he just simply forgot. He said he had no activity since he was unopposed. He states that it seems quite penal to force payment of a \$540.00 fine when there has been no activity and also especially considering that the Judicial salary was decreased by \$500 per month due to Covid from March 2020 through September 2020. He states that he has 24 years of service to the state.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No



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November 12, 2020

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RE: Late Fee Assessment for November 3, 2020 Election
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Friends:

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In requesting this waiver, I must honestly state that there is no absolute reason why this request should be granted, other than mercy. Quite frankly, I simply forgot about the need to file the Campaign Finance Disclosure Report.

I was initially a candidate for District Judge of Division B of the Twelfth Judicial District Court in 1996 and did in fact file all reports timely. I was an unopposed candidate in 2002; 2008; 2014; and 2020. On each and every occasion a 30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report was filed even though same reflected no activity. For the current year, once again, I simply forgot.

However, in reviewing the report you will note that there has been absolutely no Campaign Finance activity on behalf of any candidacy of mine since 1996. It seems quite penal to force payment of a \$540.00 fine when there has been no activity, and also, especially considering that our Judicial salary was decreased by \$500.00 per month due to COVID-19 from March 2020 through September 2020. This \$500.00 cut has been reinstated in the amount of \$400.00 beginning October 2020.

Once again, I am not making any excuses. The fault is mine. I am simply requesting mercy based on twenty-four years of service to this State.

Please give this request consideration and advise. If this request is refused, I will immediately remit payment as per the assessment letter dated November 2, 2020.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ms. Melissa Horn
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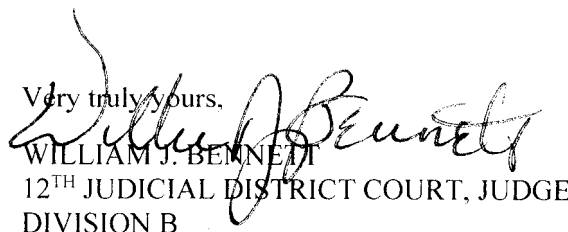
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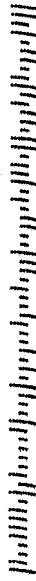


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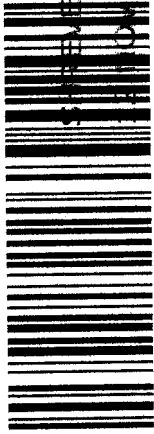
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